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FOLLOWING REPEAT DAR ES SALAAM 1684 ACTION SECSTATE INFO
BUJUMBURA KINSHASA NAIROBI BUKAVU DTD 25 MAY

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TAGS: CASC (SMUTS, SMITH AND HUNTER)

SUBJECT: THREE KIDNAPPED AMERICANS

REF: DAR ES SALAAM 1675 AND 1674; STATE 122259;
BUJUMBURA 337; AND KINSHASA 4308

1. WE REACHED BERNARD MUGANDA, DIRECTOR, EUROPE-AMERICAS
DIVISION, FONMIN, AT HOME 0600 GMT MAY 25 TO INQUIRE IF
TANGOV HAD ASKED FOR COOPERATION OF BURUNDI AND ZAIRE IN
LOCATING KIDNAPPERS OF STUDENTS AT GOMBE STREAM. MUGANDA
REPLIED HE HAD HIMSELF ON BEHALF FONMIN MALECELA MET WITH
ZAIRE AMBASSADOR TO REQUEST COOPERATION. FURTHER AFTER
AMBASSADOR CARTER-FONMIN MALECELA TALK HE HAD PERSONALLY
DRAFTER AND SENT TELEGRAM FOR ATTENTION TANZANIAN AMBASSADOR
TIBANDEBAGE IN KINSHASA INFORMING HIM OF SITUATION AND IN-
STRUCTING HIM TO ADVISE ZAIRE GOVERNMENT AND ELICIT ITS
COOPERATION. CONCERNING BURUNDI, NEW HEAD AFRICA DIVISION
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IN FONMIN MWASAKAFYUKA WAS TO HAVE MET WITH BURUNDI AMBASSADOR

HERE AND TO ASK FOR BURUNDI COOPERATION. MWASAKAFYUKA LIVES NEARBY, MUGANDA SAID, AND HE WOULD SEE HIM THIS MORNING (MAY 25) AND URGE HE SEE BURUNDI AMBASSADOR TODAY, IF HE HAD NOT ALREADY DONE SO. WE SUGGESTED MWASAKAFYUKA NOT ONLY URGE COOPERATION, BUT SPECIFICALLY ASK THAT BURUNDI GOVERNMENT ISSUE STATEMENT SIMILAR TO THAT ISSUED BY TANZANIA YESTERDAY CONCERNING INCIDENT. WE ALSO OFFERED US COMMUNICATION FACILITIES TO BURUNDI, AS WELL AS TANGOV, IF THAT WOULD HELP.

2. QUERIED MUGANDA ABOUT REPORTED TANGOV ARREST AND THEN RELEASE OF QTE MULELE UNQTE BAND IN KIGOMA AREA (APRA ONE, DAR 1674). MUGANDA SAID ZAIRE AMBASSADOR HAD MENTIONED THAT MATTER TO HIM TOO IN THEIR TALK YESTERDAY WHICH FIRST HE (MUGANDA) HAD HEARD OF INCIDENT. HE PASSED INFORMATION ALONG TO POLICE.

3. ASKED ABOUT REPORTED ARREST GABRIEL YUMBU PRP LEADER OVER YEAR AGO (PARA SIX, DAR 1674). MUGANDA SAID HE AWARE ACTIVITIES OF PRP, BUT HE HAD NOT RPT NOT HEARD OF ANY PRP LEADER NAMED YUMBU. HE WOULD CHECK. ADMITTED THEORY KIDNAPPERS SEEKING PUBLICITY FOR PRP COULD HAVE SOME VALIDITY, BUT NO OTHER EVIDENCE AT THIS TIME TO SUPPORT IT.

4. MUGANDA SAID MALECELA HAD REQUESTED OF MIN HOME AFFAIRS ADDITIONAL SEARCH PLANE FOR KIGOMA, BUT MUGANDA NOT SURE IF PLANE AT KIGOMA YET.

5. TOLD MUGANDA THAT CONSUL MACFARLANE INFORMED US MAY 24 THAT ZAIROIS CAPTURED BY TPDF MAY 23 HAD DIED OF HIS WOUNDS MAY 24 BEFORE RPT BEFORE HE COULD BE INTERROGATED (DAR ES SALAAM 1663 AND 1670).
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